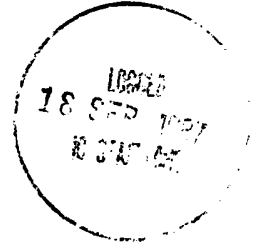


The Director of Central Intelligence

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15 September 1987

The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Cap:

I forward a copy of a message I have sent to Senator Nunn urging that he exempt the Defense Intelligence Agency from the manpower reductions called for in the Goldwater-Nichols Defense Reorganization Act of 1986. This message follows the DCI's letter dated 27 July addressing this same important issue. Bill Webster and I feel a great responsibility to do everything we can to ensure that DIA is not severely damaged at a time when defense intelligence is making an increasingly important contribution to the entire national intelligence effort.

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We hope that together you and we will be able to take the steps required to protect the Defense Intelligence Agency from the Goldwater-Nichols cuts.

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Sincerely,

Robert M. Gates
Acting Director

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The Honorable Sam Nunn
Chairman
Senate Armed Services Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

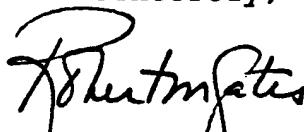
As the Senate and House begin conference deliberations on the FY 1988 Intelligence Authorization Act, I wish again to underscore the great importance Director Webster and I attach to an exemption for the Defense Intelligence Agency from the manpower reductions mandated by the Goldwater-Nichols Defense Reorganization Act of 1986. [REDACTED]

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DIA plays a unique role as a partner with CIA, NSA and the rest of the intelligence community in enabling the United States to meet its growing foreign intelligence responsibilities. The personnel cuts called for by the Reorganization Act would have a long-lasting, extremely adverse impact not only on military intelligence within the Department of Defense but also on most national intelligence involving military operational capabilities assessments. The proposed cuts would also stand in direct contrast to the Congress's welcome support in recent years in strengthening DIA. Judge Webster and I hope that the conference might agree to the House Permanent Select Committee's language in Title I, Section 102(b) of the Intelligence Authorization Act. This approach, which would correspondingly decrease the overall DoD reduction target so as not to affect disproportionately other DoD elements, would be in the very best interests of U.S. intelligence and national security objectives. [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,



Robert M. Gates
Acting Director

Senator - Bill Webster and I really do need your help on this. After all your and our efforts to strengthen DIA, these cuts would be a tragedy.

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